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Baralla November 29<sup>th</sup> 1858

Rev & Dear Brother

Please receive herewith the News Paper kindly loaned with my thanks.

In connection with our approaching Convocation Service, to be held at Cape Palmas, Christmas Mr Woffman wishes to have St James Church consecrated with him. I shall be pleased to have you preach the consecration sermon. May we rely upon you for this?

Can you inform me, whether at our last Convocation a preacher was appointed for that evening.

As you have not hitherto preached on such occasions Mr Woffman has suggested, in case no appointment has been made, that you preach the Convocation sermon also. I shall be pleased to have you do so. But I would not put upon you more than your share, and, <sup>as</sup> I was providentially withheld from preaching according to appointment, at the last meeting, I shall very cheerfully do so if you so desire, at the approaching one. My contemplated visit to the U. States, some next year, makes me the more inclined (I U.) to address the next Convocation.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> of next month our examinations at this Station will be held, and on one of the days named, the Church of the Epiphany  
Rev. Crummell R.A.



will be consecrated. With Mrs Payne we shall  
be much pleased to have you and Mrs Crummell  
present. during these exercises Mr Hoffman will  
preach the consecration sermon, but I shall be  
much pleased to have you take part part  
in the service.

With yours and Mr Hoffman's approbation I propose  
that the examinations in the Colony <sup>take place</sup> during the week  
succeeding those here to commence on Monday and  
continue in such order as you and Mr H. may  
arrange.

Please present my kindest regards to Mrs  
Crummell, in which Mrs Payne desires to unite  
I believe me rev & dear Sir

Yrs Truly

Jno Payne

P.S. My mind has been much exercised in reference  
to filling the vacancy occasioned at Barra bone, by  
the most unexpected death of young Tubman, and  
the more as Mr Rumb, is not to return to  
that Station. I have thought, as the only means  
in our power of a suitable to supply, in case you  
and Mr Hoffman approve, to obtain Thomas  
Thomson to deacons orders, under the special canon  
in reference to deacons orders, and to send up  
Young Adams as his assistant. This is



arrangement would allow me to do what I so  
much desire, make a forward movement toward  
the interior at Bama as well as Cape Palmas;  
as in this case Mr McNamee might at  
once proceed to Apapa, half way to Mr  
Fraser directions having been already given to  
erect a small house at the former place.

Please, at your earliest convenience, give me  
your views on this subject.

J.P.



Orphan Asylum, Wednesday Morning Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Being at this  
place for a day or two for the benefit of a change  
I shall be pleased to receive by Bearer, answer to above  
May I request you to ask Mr Thomas Thomas of con-  
venient to come in to the Asylum this evening or  
tomorrow morning, as I wish to have conversation with  
him in reference to Bona Gue JP